Category	Numbr of Vehicles exported			Export Value		
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Scooter	132,566	53,687	60,766	9,574	15,596	17,653
Scooterette	(64.85%)	(13.18%)		(62.90%)	(13.19%)	
Motor cycles/step	123,725	187,287	277,100	51,965	77,724	114,997
-Throughs		(51.37%)	(47.95%)		(49.57%)	(47.95%)
Mopeds	23,391	24,078	28,858	4,912	4,996	5,988
		(2.93%)	(19.85%)		(1.71%)	(10.85%)
TOTAL	179,682	265,052	366,724	66,451	98,310	138,837
		(47.51%)	(38.36%)		(47.95%)	(41.01%)
GRAND TOTAL	307,308	479,919	629,887	371,519	647,464	880,913
		(56.16%)	(31.25%)		(74.27%)	(36.05%)

SOURCE: Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers Association, New Delhi.

(d) The measures for increasing exports of automobiles from the country include Duty Drawback Scheme, Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme etc. Engineering Export Promotion Council, sponsored by the Department of Commerce, is involved in activities like participation in the reputed international trade fairs and organizing promotional activities for the onglnooring Industry.The Council promotes exports of automobiles by way of inviting participation of members in specialized exhibitions such as Automechanika, Frankfurt. The Council also organizes its own show "INDIA TECH" Exhibition across the globe where this industry takes the opportunity of market promotion.

Export oriented zones in backward districts

3585. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to set up more export oriented zones in different backward districts in various States and Union Territories;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the steps taken and being taken in this regard; and

(c) on what lines such backward districts have been identified and selected and the names of districts so identified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Problems of rubber growers of Assam

3586. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rubber growers of Assam State are facing a lot of problems in the absence of potential users in the domestic market as well as in the country and they are not getting adequate profit to their product;

(b) whether Government have taken any measures to mitigate the problems of rubber growers and to boost production and profit of this region;

(c) whether Government propose to export Indian Rubber to other neighbouring countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government through Rubber Board is implementing a Rubber Plantation Development Scheme exclusively for North Eastern Region. This scheme provides for technical and financial assistance to growers of this region for cultivation of rubber, supply of inputs at concessional price to increase productivity, support for harvesting and post harvesting including processing facilities for quality upgradation and value addition etc.

(c) and (d) Export of natural rubber is already free under the Foreign Trade Policy.

Setting up of Rubber Industry in Tripura

3587. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Rubber Board are taking up a major plan of setting up a rubber industry in the State of Tripura;

(b) whether the project has been approved by the competent authority;

(c) the amount to be involved; and

(d) by when the work will be started?